A.K. Flowerree

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**Academic Employment**

Assistant Professor Texas Tech University (2018-present)

 Director of Graduate Studies (2021-present)

Postdoctoral Fellow University of Cologne (2017-2018)

Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT)

**Education**

PhD, Philosophy Northwestern University (2017)

MA, Philosophy University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2011)

BA, Philosophy Erskine College, *Summa cum Laude*, with departmental honors (2007)

AOS: Epistemology, Ethics, Metaethics

AOC: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

**Publications**

*Articles (\*=*peer reviewed)

1. “Agency of Belief and Intention” (2017) *Synthese* 194 (8): 2763-2784.\*
2. “Infection and Directness in the Interventionist Evidentialist Account of the Basing Relation” (2017) *Syndicate Philosophy*.
3. “Epistemic Schmagents?” (2018) *Metaepistemology –  Realism and Anti-Realism,* Eds. Christos Kyriacou and Robin McKenna, Palgrave Innovations in Philosophy.\*
4. “Evidentialism in Action” (2020) *Philosophical Studies* 177: 3409–3426.\*
5. “When in Doubt, Withhold: A Defense of Two Grounds of Rational Withholding” (2021) *Epistemic Dilemmas: New Angles, New Arguments,* eds. Kevin McCain, Scott Stapleford, and Matthias Steup, Routledge Press.\*
6. “Entitled to Attention? Cooperativity, Context and Standing” (2022) book symposium on Goldberg *Conversational Pressure* (OUP, 2020), *Journal for Philosophical Research,* 47*.\**
7. “When to Psychologize?” (2023) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*\*

*Books*

1. *The Epistemology of Fake News*, (2021) Edited volume with Sven Bernecker and Thomas Grundmann. Oxford University Press.

Including: “Introduction” (with Sven Bernecker and Thomas Grundmann).

1. *Towards an Expansive Epistemology: Norms, Action, and the Social World*, Edited Volume with Baron Reed, (Under contract with Routledge Press, Studies in Contemporary Philosophy)

Including essay: “Resisting Epistemic Partiality: Character, Values, and Evidence”\*

*In progress*

“Epistemic Partiality” Blackwell Companion to Epistemology

“Moral Grandstanding and Norms of Moral Discourse” with M. Satta (R&R and Journal of the APA)

“A Social Normative Account of the Wrongs of Sexist and Racist Reasoning”

“The Ethics of Interpretation”

“Reasoning through Narrative”

“Against Instrumentalism”

**Select Presentations**

“A Social Account of the Wrongs of Racist and Sexist Reasoning”

Central APA, Feb 23-27, 2022

Ocean Beach Epistemology Workshop (OBEW), Oct 11-14, 2021

“Reasoning through Narrative”

 Saint Louis Annual Conference in Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 22-24, 2022

Fordham University, Function First Epistemology Workshop, May 27-28, 2022,

“The Ethics of Interpretation”

 Texas Tech Humanities Center Alumni College Workshop, Oct 13, 2021

 Stanford Junior Scholars Workshop, McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, May 13, 2021

 Tennessee Values and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Nov 12-13, 2021

 The New Ethics of Belief Workshop, Narrowridge, TN, June 16-20, 2022

Federal University of Paraíba (Brazil), Aug 16-17, 2022

Goodtalks, UT-Austin, Nov 18, 2022

"Hints followed by guesses: on the interpretation of divine action"

 Workshop in Non-Ideal Philosophy of Religion, Sept 21-25, 2022, Sisters, OR

“When in Doubt, Withhold: Two Rational Grounds of Withholding”

 CONCEPT University of Cologne, March 3, 2021

“Entitled to Attention?” Roundtable discussion on Goldberg’s “Conversational Pressure”

 CONCEPT, University of Cologne, Dec 11, 2020

“When to Psychologize?”

 Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 15, 2021

 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 14, 2020

 Social Distance Epistemology Network, April 3, 2020

“Against Epistemic Partiality: Character, Values and Evidence”

 Texas Epistemology Workshop (TEX), April 12-14, 2019

“How to be an Epistemic Consequentialist” (co-authored with Andrea Robitzsch)

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (*ECAP9)*, LMU Munich, August 21-26, 2017.

*GAP 9,* German Society for Analytic Philosophy, Osnabruck University, Sept 14-17, 2015

“Evidentialism in Action”

University of Vermont, Epistemology and Ethics Workshop, Oct 18, 2019

University of Duisberg-Essen, Coloquium Talk, June 7, 2018

European Epistemology Network, Free University, Amsterdam, June 30, 2018

University of Bochum, *Rationality: Epistemic and Practical Perspectives*, July 9, 2018

Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, March 9-11, 2018

Texas Tech University, March 8, 2018

University of Osnabruck, January 24, 2018

Goethe Universtät-Frankfurt, Colloquium Talk, November 14, 2017

Saint Louis Annual Conference for Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 21-23, 2017.

“Epistemic Constructivism”

WIPHICA, May 24, 2016

Texas Tech University, January 23, 2017

“Agency of Belief and Intention,”

Athena in Action Workshop, Princeton University, August 16-19, 2016

Canadian Society for Epistemology Symposium on Epistemic Reasons, Université de Sherbrooke, Nov 7-8, 2014

Workshop on Doxastic Agency and Epistemic Responsibility,University of Bochum, June 2-3, 2014

“Against Epistemic Instrumentalism”

Central States Philosophical Association Conference, SUNY-Buffalo, October 26-27, 2019.

“On the Ontological Significance of Reasons,”

*Reductionist and Anti-Reductionist Perspectives on Normativity,* York University Graduate Conference, April 23-24, 2015

**Comments**

Tim Butzer, “When Racially Biased Perception is Incompetent (And When It Isn’t)”

 Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, April 1, 2022.

Tim Smartt, “Scepticism about Epistemic Blame”

 Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference, Dec 17-18, 2021.

Sanford Goldberg, “Author Meets Critics: Roundtable Discussion of *Conversational Pressure*”

 CONCEPT/Universidade Federal da Bahia, Dec 11, 2020

Sebastian Schmidt, “On the Normativity of Epistemic Rationality”

 Central APA Denver, February 2019

Landon Hendrick, “Seemings in Epistemology”

 Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado-Denver, October 12-14, 2018

David Henderson and Peter Graham, Session on the Social Dimensions of Epistemic Norms

Central APA Chicago, February 2018

Ram Neta, “Evidence, Coherence and Epistemic Akrasia”

 *Episteme* Conference, Galapagos Islands, July 30-31, 2017

Jason Schukraft, "Against Methodological Particularism"

 Central APA, Kansas City, MO, March 2, 2017

Shivani Radhakrishnan, “Bracketing”

 NU/ND Epistemology Grad Conference, April 22-23, 2016

Invited Commentator-at-Large, PeRFECt (Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference),

University of Pennsylvania, Nov 6-7, 2015.

Daniel Immerman, “Williamson, Closure and KK”

 Central States Philosophical Association

 Northwestern University, Oct 10-11, 2014

Daniel Whiting and Jonathan Way, “The Infallibility of Justified Deontic Beliefs”

 Epistemic and Practical Normativity: Substantial Connections

University of Southampton, June 13, 2014

John Mumm, “Functional Explanations and Constructivism”

Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), May 16-18, 2013

Kurt Sylvan, “Reasons and the Metaphysics of Justification”

 NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 26-27, 2013

Nilanjan Das & Ian Wells, “Belief and Conceptual Structure”

NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 13-14, 2012

Phillip Osbourne, “Knowledge, Evidence, and Self-Evidence”

Illinois Society of Philosophy, Nov 2-3, 2012

Lindsay Mouchet, “Believing the Speaker”

NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 14-15, 2011

**Invited Talks**

Agency of Belief and Intention

 UC-San Diego, Upper division epistemology with Cory Davia, Nov 2019

When to Psychologize?

 Baylor University, Graduate Seminar with Charity Anderson, May 2020

Claremont McKenna, Upper division course with Rima Basu, Fall 2020

University of Minnesota, Graduate Seminar with Cat Saint Croix, Spring 2021)

Epistemic Injustice and #believewomen

 TTU Humanities guest lecture, Sept 18, 2020; April 2021

Ethics of Interpretation: Who can Say what your action means?

 Graduate Seminar in Epistemology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, April 8, 2021, Georgi Gardiner

Trust and the Epistemology of Fake News

 Institute for Inclusiveness Excellence, Texas Tech University, Janaury 17, 2023

**Engaged Scholarship**

TTU Humanities center podcast, discussed work on the epistemology of fake news November 2, 2020

Diocese of Northwest Texas, School of Ordained Ministry, Episcopal Church, Guest Lecture on Applied Ethics, October 10, 2020.

**Fellowships and Further Studies**

Texas Tech Humanities Center Alumni College Research Award ($3,000) Summer 2021

Fellow Texas Tech University Institute for Inclusive Excellence, ($1500) 2020-2021

Fellow Stanford Early Career Fellows Workshop, 2020

Participant (refereed) PREP (Philosophy and Religion Engaged with the

Public), Notre Dame University ($3500)

June 2-13, 2019

Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow Northeastern University, 2017-2019 (Declined)

Research Fellow Notre Dame University, Center for Philosophy of Religion, 2017-2018 (Declined)

Graduate Fellow Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life

Northwestern University, 2012-2015

Visiting Researcher Ruhr Universitat Bochum, June 2014

Student Cologne Summer School in Philosophy

*The Normativity of Epistemic Rationality*

University of Cologne, July 16-20, 2012

Student North American Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (NASSLLI), Indiana University, 2010

**Awards**

2020-2021 Texas Tech University Philosophy Department Award for Excellence in Teaching

2014-2015 Thomas J. McCarthy Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University

Awarded to the top teaching assistant

2012-2013 Thomas J. McCarthy Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University

Awarded to the top teaching assistant

2009-2010 Chancellor’s Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2008 South Carolina Philosophical Association, Best Undergraduate Paper

2006 Summer Research Grant ($4000), Erskine College

**Teaching Experience (at Texas Tech)**

 Phil 2300 Intro to Philosophy (F ‘18, ‘19, ‘20, ‘21, S ‘21, ‘22, ‘23)

 Phil 4330 Epistemology (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)

 Phil 3324 Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2020)

Phil 3311 Social Philosophy (Fall 2022)

Phil 5311 Graduate seminar: Epistemology (Spring 2019, 2021, Fall 2022)

 Phil 5350 Graduate Proseminar (Fall 2021)

Phil 5355 Seminar in Philosophical Writing (Fall 2019)

**Master’s Committees Chaired**

 Donald Soles III (PhD student at Ohio State University)

 Chad Cummings

 Zachary Crouch (PhD student at Rochester University)

 Hossein Mohayeji (PhD student at University of Pittsburgh)

 Siyun Xue (PhD student at University of Iowa)

Karson Goggans (law student at Hofstra Law)

 Mona Fazeli (PhD student at UCLA)

 Michelle Woodland

 Zhidi Chong (in progress)

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**Service and Membership**

2021-present Director of Graduate Studies, Texas Tech University Philosophy Department

2012-present Member of the APA

2022-2023 Central APA Nominations Committee

2022 Co-Organizer, “New Ethics of Belief” with G. Gardiner and C. Saint-Croix at Narrowridge

2019-2020 Member, Search Committee, Texas Tech University

2019-2021 Colloquium Committee, Texas Tech University

June 2019 Organizer, “Between Ethics and Belief” conference at CONCEPT

June 2018 Co-Organizer, “Fake Knowledge” Conference at CONCEPT

April 2018 Co-Organizer, “Rationality and Reasonableness” conference at CONCEPT

2016-2017 Webmaster for Northwestern LEMMings website: sites.northwestern.edu/lemmings

Sept 2016 Co-Organizer, WIPHICA Workshop on Tamar Schapiro’s manuscript, *Desire*

2013-2016 Lead organizer (2014, 2015), Co-Organizer (2013, 2016), Northwestern University Society

for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) Annual Conference

2012 – 2015 Organizer of the Northwestern Epistemology Brownbag Series

2011-2015 Co-organizer of WiPhi (Women into Philosophy Initiative), Northwestern University

2011-2013 Coordinator, Tea Time: a weekly gathering of the Northwestern Philosophy Department

& 2014-2015

2012 – 2014 Chair of the Climate Committee, Northwestern Philosophy Department

2011-2012,2013 Coordinator, Metaphysics and Epistemology Reading Group

March 2012 Co-organizer, Jason Stanley Workshop, Northwestern University,

2005-2007 Co-Founder and Co-President, Erskine College Philosophy Society

Referee Oxford Bibliographies Online, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Synthese, Erkenntnis, South African Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Papers, Theoria, PPR, Episteme, Analysis, Mind, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme

**References**

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